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(f) storing the received message as an unconfirmed message in a memory if a dark condition is detected in step (d).

**10.** The method for controlling a radio paging receiver as claimed in claim **9**, the method further comprising:

(g) detecting whether a environment of the receiver is light or dark;

(h) detecting a change in the environment in step (g) from a dark condition to a light condition; and

(i) alerting the user if said change is detected in step (h) when the unconfirmed message exists in the memory.

**11.** A radio paging receiver comprising:

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light/dark detecting means for detecting whether a message display environment is light or dark; and

generating means for generating a signal when the light/dark detecting means detects a change from a dark display environment to a light display environment and a message unconfirmed by a user has been stored in a memory.

**12.** The radio paging receiver as claimed in claim **11**, further comprising alerting means, responsive to the signal, for generating an alert for the user.

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